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teach or suggest a g' higher than 0.95. Claim 1 recites, "a g' of 0.98." Therefore, Markel does not teach all the elements or features of the claims of the present invention.

Additionally, the Examiner has not addressed the claim 1 feature of Dot T-Peel strength, nor many of the other claimed features such as heat of fusion (claim 2, *inter alia*), melt viscosity (claims 5-8, *inter alia*), T_g (claims 9 and 10, *inter alia*). The Examiner has not shown that all the elements or features of the claims are present in Markel nor offered any evidence as to why the claimed features may be inherent. The Examiner does mention the aspect that the composition be used in a glue stick; however, this is only mentioned in claims 360-375. Claims 361 through 375 also mention many other aspects of the invention which the Examiner has not addressed. Because the Examiner has not fulfilled his duty with respect to any of above-listed claims, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or if he believes it will expedite or assist his examination, he is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at his convenience.

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